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LETTER DATED 20 OCTOBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG AND THE NETHERLANDS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Benelux countries have taken note with particular interest of the letter dated 15 September 1994 from the Permanent Representatives of Argentina and New Zealand to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council concerning improvements in procedures for consultations among troop-contributing countries, the members of the Security Council and the Secretary-General (S/1994/1063).

Without in any way wishing to infringe upon the authority and prerogatives of the Council, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands take this opportunity to emphasize the importance that they attach to improving procedures for the exchange of information and consultation between the Council, the Secretariat and countries participating in peace-keeping operations mandated by the Council.

Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg currently have almost 3,000 troops deployed in peace-keeping operations, without taking into account other contributions such as, for example, the provision of equipment to other countries' troops, as well as forces on stand-by.

Increased transparency in the work of the Council could help to strengthen public support in our countries, such support being an essential factor in ensuring continued involvement by our troops in United Nations peace-keeping operations.

Without wishing at this stage to enter into specific detail in connection with such contacts, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg are of the view that the existing practice should be further developed, expanded and followed more systematically, and the arrangements involved improved.

The Permanent Representatives of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands would be obliged if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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